

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
Docket Nos. D.T.E. 02-24 and D.T.E. 02-25
Responses to the Department's Sixth Set of Information Requests

Request No. DTE 6-1:

Refer to the Company's response to DTE 2-16. Is the allocation of rate case expense between gas and electric operations based upon the G/E split study as described in Mr. Collin's testimony at 53?

Response:

With regard to the determination of the estimated rate case costs, these costs were prepared as a result of discussions/meetings with functional managers. In some instances, the functional managers estimated the specific gas or electric costs that would be incurred by the Company. However, expenses that could not be specifically identified as gas or electric costs were allocated (for purposes of developing the estimate) as 35% gas and 65% electric. These allocation percentages are based on the results of the 1978 G/E Split Study that recommended an allocation of gas and electric costs as approximately 35.97% and 64.03% respectively. The allocation methodology of 35% gas and 65% electric continues to be used by the Company to allocate invoices that are not specifically identified as gas or electric.

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